

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 9-22 remain in the application. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

In item 2 on pages 2-3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1-4 and 8 have been rejected as being anticipated by Scovell (US Pat. No. 4,683,363) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In item 6 on page 4 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 5-7 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Scovell under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement in item 7 on page 4 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 9-22 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to claims 9-22 is solicited.

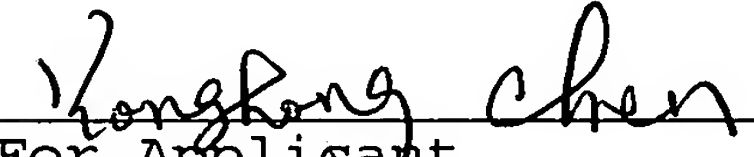
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In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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